

In the Claims

Please amend claim 36 as follows:

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(DUPLICATE
CLAIMS)

~~32.~~³² (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A method of forming a filtration media array comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a contoured polymeric dielectric film layer;
- (b) joining the contoured film layer to a second layer at at least one face of the contoured film layer so as to stabilize the contoured film layer and form flow channels and form a flow channel layer assembly; and
- (c) electrostaticly charging the flow channel layer assembly of the contoured film layer and the second layer with an electret charge to form a charged filtration media array.

33³² (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A method of forming a filtration media array comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a contoured polymeric dielectric film layer;
- (b) joining the contoured film layer to a second layer at at least one face of the contoured film layer so as to stabilize the contoured film layer and form flow channels and form a flow channel layer assembly; and
- (c) electrostaticly charging the flow channel layer assembly of the contoured film layer and the second layer with an electret charge to form a charged filtration media array.

34³³ (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of forming a filtration media array of claim 33³² further comprising layering multiple charged filtration media arrays formed by steps (a) - (c) so as to create a filter having multiple flow channel layers.

25.³⁴ (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of forming a filtration media array of claim ~~34~~³³ further comprising joining the adjacent flow channel layers by partially melting at least one face of the multilayer flow channel assembly.

36.³⁵ (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming a filtration media array comprising the steps of:

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- (a) forming a contoured polymeric film layer;
 - (b) joining the contoured film layer to a second layer at least one face of the contoured film layer so as to stabilize the contoured film layer and form a series of adjacent flow channels and form a flow channel layer assembly;
 - (c) layering the flow channel layer assembly so as to create a filtration media array having multiple flow channel layers forming fluid pathways through the filtration media array; and
 - (d) slicing the filtration media array, while maintaining contoured film layer in the form of the channels, with a hot wire so as to fuse the adjacent layers forming the filtration media array into its final form ~~and directly form a dimensionally stable three dimensional filter media.~~

37.³⁶ (ORIGINAL) The method of forming a filtration media array of claim ~~36~~³⁵ further comprising separating a portion of the filtration media array sliced by the hot wire.